

MINUTES
BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARITAL & FAMILY
THERAPISTS AND CLINICAL PASTORAL THERAPISTS

DATE: May 7, 2004

TIME: 9:00 a.m., C.S.T.

LOCATION: Cumberland Room
Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building
Nashville, TN

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Dr. Stuart Bonnington, President
Dr. Murphy Martin, Secretary/Treasurer
Dr. Robert Kirk
Dr. Dan Hammer
Dr. Janet E. Scott

STAFF

PRESENT: Sherry Owens, Board Administrator
Richard Russell, Advisory Attorney
Rick Agee, Unit Manager
Barbara Maxwell, Administrative Director
Jerry Kosten, Rules Manager

Dr. Bonnington, President, called the board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., on May 7, 2004. All board members were in attendance.

Ginger Marlow to present case hearing on Stephanie Scott, LPC

Ms. Marlow contacted Mr. Owens stating the case hearing on Stephanie Scott, LPC has been rescheduled for the August 20, 2004 meeting.

Review Minutes of the February 13, 2003 Board Meeting

Upon review of the February 13, 2003 minutes, Dr. Scott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Investigative Report

Ms. Phelps reviewed the Investigative Report with the board stating there were eight complaints for Licensed Professional Counselors, one closed with a letter of warning, one closed with no action and six referred to the Office of General Counsel.

Ms. Phelps said there is one complaint for a Family and Marital Therapists and no complaints for Clinical Pastoral Therapists.

Disciplinary Report

Ms. Phelps stated there is one Licensed Professional Counselor currently being monitored for disciplinary action.

Ms. Phelps reviewed the disciplinary summary of complaints from 1998 to present for Licensed Professional Counselors, Family and Marital Therapists and Clinical Pastoral Therapists.

Administrative Report

Ms. Owens said the administrative report is to keep the Board informed of all fundamental activities relative to licensure. Ms. Owens reviewed the report stating there are 946 active, 136 retired and 125 failed to renew Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC's); 260 active, 54 retired and 32 failed to renew Marital and Family Therapists (MFT's); and, 26 active, 3 retired and 3 failed to renew Certified Pastoral Therapists (CPT's).

Between February 5, 2004 and April 28, 2004, Ms. Owens said 9 LPC's, 4 MFT's and zero (0) CPT's renewed their licenses online.

Dr. Martin asked for a report on how many Licensed Professional Counselors have the mental health service provider status. Ms. Owens said she will get that report for the August meeting along with the continuing education audit results.

Mr. Agee stated that out-of-state travel is no longer on hold for meetings that enhance the profession.

Report from Jerry Kosten

Mr. Kosten said a rulemaking hearing was conducted April 23, 2004 to amend Rules 0450-1-2-3.12 which expands acceptable continuing education.

Upon discussion of the amendments, Dr. Kirk made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to accept the amendments as written. A roll call vote was conducted and all board members voted in the affirmative.

Report from Richard Russell, Advisory Attorney

Mr. Russell reviewed the Conflict of Interest statement with the Board reminding the members to disclose any conflicts of interest they may have, including sitting in on a case where a member would feel biased, either against the complainant or the state.

Mr. Russell said in review of the Marital and Family Therapist portion of the rules pertaining to supervision, he thinks it's a matter of housekeeping to amend the rule to include the supervisor in training. Mr. Russell said until the rule is in effect the applicant could receive supervision through a supervisor in training provided the applicant is not seeking licensure before the rules becomes effective. Mr. Russell said the easiest way to amend Rule 0450-2-.01(5) is to include a sentence that states a person who is an AAMFT approved supervisor, or approved supervisor in training whose qualifications meet AAMFT standards pursuant to Rule 0450-2-.10.

Upon discussion, Dr. Hammer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to amend the rule as stated by Mr. Russell. The motion carried.

Mr. Russell said he has also researched the issue of international universities and the accreditation requirements. Mr. Russell said it appears the board has the absolute discretion in making a determination if it will accept international universities and suggested that the board make a list of the universities and institutions they find comparable in order to be consistent in accepting or denying the universities.

Mr. Russell discussed the release of medical records, which include general medical records, mental health records and HIV/STD records. Mr. Russell said HIPAA, which controls mental health records, includes psychotherapy notes.

Dr. Hammer asked if the Tennessee rules and statutes are stricter than HIPAA. Mr. Russell stated they are harmonious.

Discuss changes in applications and upgrade applications and fees

Ms. Owens stated she has made the changes to the Clinical Pastoral Therapist application and it is ready to go before the forms committee for approval.

Dr. Martin said one of the two years of grandfathering is gone and there are potential applicants out there that cannot apply to practice because the application is not in place.

Ms. Owens said she would contact the National Board for Certifying Counselors to see if they can give the Marital and Family Therapists written and oral examination.

Dr. Hammer said he contacted the NBCC and they said there were so few candidates the written exam cost would be astronomical. Dr. Hammer said applicants can choose to take either the MFT or LPC examination.

Dr. Bonnington agreed with applicants taking the MFT or LPC written examination. Dr. Bonnington said the State feels it's to our best interest to get out of the oral examination business.

Upon conclusion it was determined that Dr. Hammer will contact the NBCC to discuss their giving the oral examination to MFT's.

Ratify Oral Examinations, Temporary Permits and MHSP Endorsements

Dr. Kirk made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hammer, to ratify the following oral examination results, temporary permit requests and MHSP endorsements:

LPC-MHSP-Pass

**Jane Headrick
Jennifer Walker
Lynece Benton**

**Frances Cowan
Heidi Bennett
Lisa Roberts
Phillip Owens
Brenda Conrad
Faith Raymore
Kathy Russell
Sherry Semrau**

LPC-MHSP-Fail

**Caryn Schmitz
Patrick Hopper**

LPC

Matthew Black

CPT-Pass

**Edward Boye
Lenn Milam
Christopher O'Rear**

MFT-Pass

**Kelley Blackwell
Jennifer Pirecki
KaKa Ray
Cornelius Tiggelman**

Temporary Permit

**Tricia Jungkurth
Michael Leach
Roger Batson**

MHSP Endorsement

**Perry Pratt
Michele Bennett**

The motion carried.

Ratify Newly Licensed and Reinstated LPC's, MFT's and CPT's

Dr. Hammer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin to ratify the following newly licensed and reinstated LPC's, MFT's and CPT's:

Newly Licensed LPC's

Elysse M. Beasley
Heidi R. Bennett
Lynece D. Benton
Frances F. Cowan
Christine M. Givens
Holly A. Hardin
Jane E. Headrick
Melinda K. Keesy
Mary K. Marley
Ryan K. Peters
Lisa T. Roberts
Mark J. Spaargaren
Patricia E. Starbird
Rebecca S. Stein
Jennifer A. Walker
Sandra Washington

Reinstated LPC's

William R. Hutchins
Lee Ann Krause-Henry
Michele B. Thomas

Newly Licensed Marital & Family Therapists

Kelley M. Blackwell
Linda M. Mabe
Jennifer C. Pirecki
Kaka L. Ray
Cecilie A. Sorrells
Yanah T. Sullins
Cornelius Tiggelman
Michael L. Waldrop
Georgianne G. Wood

Reinstated Marital & Family Therapists

Michele B. Thomas

Newly Licensed Certified Clinical Pastoral Therapists

Lenn H. Milam
Christopher D. O'Rear
The motion carried

File Review

Upon review of the file of **Patricia Humphreys** it was determined that she has the appropriate number of graduate hours to apply for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor.

Upon review of the file of **Nicole Hart** it was determined that her Licensed Professional Counselor supervisor meets the requirements as defined in the rules.

Discuss other board business

Ms. Owens distributed copies of the summary of open cases for all boards regulated under the Department of Health. Ms. Owens said the summary is a comparison of the number of cases this board has in comparison with other boards.

With no other business to conduct, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kirk, to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. on May 7, 2004. The motion carried.

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